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ABSTRACT

The transfer of students in Missouri is multi-directional; that is, some level of transfer activity occurs between and within each major sector of higher education. The number of student transfers has risen from 15,500 in fall 1979 to 18,000 in fall 1982, with a peak of 20,000 transfers reported in fall 1981. The majority of student transfers (more than 10,000 annually) involve Missouri residents attending public and independent colleges and universities. Of these, approximately 70% occur among public sector institutions. An analysis of transfer activity for the 4-year period from fall 1979 to fall 1982 reveals the relative stability of transfer relationships among and within sectors, with two exceptions: in fall 1980 and fall 1981 there was a significant increase in transfers from public four-year institutions to public two-year institutions, and there was a substantial increase in the number of transfers from independent to public two-year institutions between fall 1979 and fall 1980. In total, transfer students account for 10% of undergraduate enrollment at public and independent institutions, and for approximately 40% of first-time entering students. The greatest percentage of students transferring from the University of Missouri and the state universities tranfer to community colleges, and most students transferring to a state college come from a community college. The bulk of the report consists of graphs and tables showing transfer activity and trends. (LAL)

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Foreword

The report **Student Transfer Among Missouri Higher Education Institutions** was originally prepared as background material for the Articulation/Transfer Committee. The presentation of the material and the data collected were so useful and well received that the Coordinating Board is publishing it for wider distribution in the higher education community.

STUDENT TRANSFER AMONG MISSOURI HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

The student transfer data presented in the graphs and tables are intended to provide some quantitative perspective to the discussion of transfer issues in higher education. Transfer of students in Missouri is multi-directional. That is, some level of transfer activity occurs between and within each major grouping of higher education institutions: University of Missouri, state universities, state colleges, community colleges, and independent institutions. The number of student transfers has risen from 15,500 in fall 1979 to 18,000 in fall 1982. A peak of 20,000 transfers was reported for fall 1981.

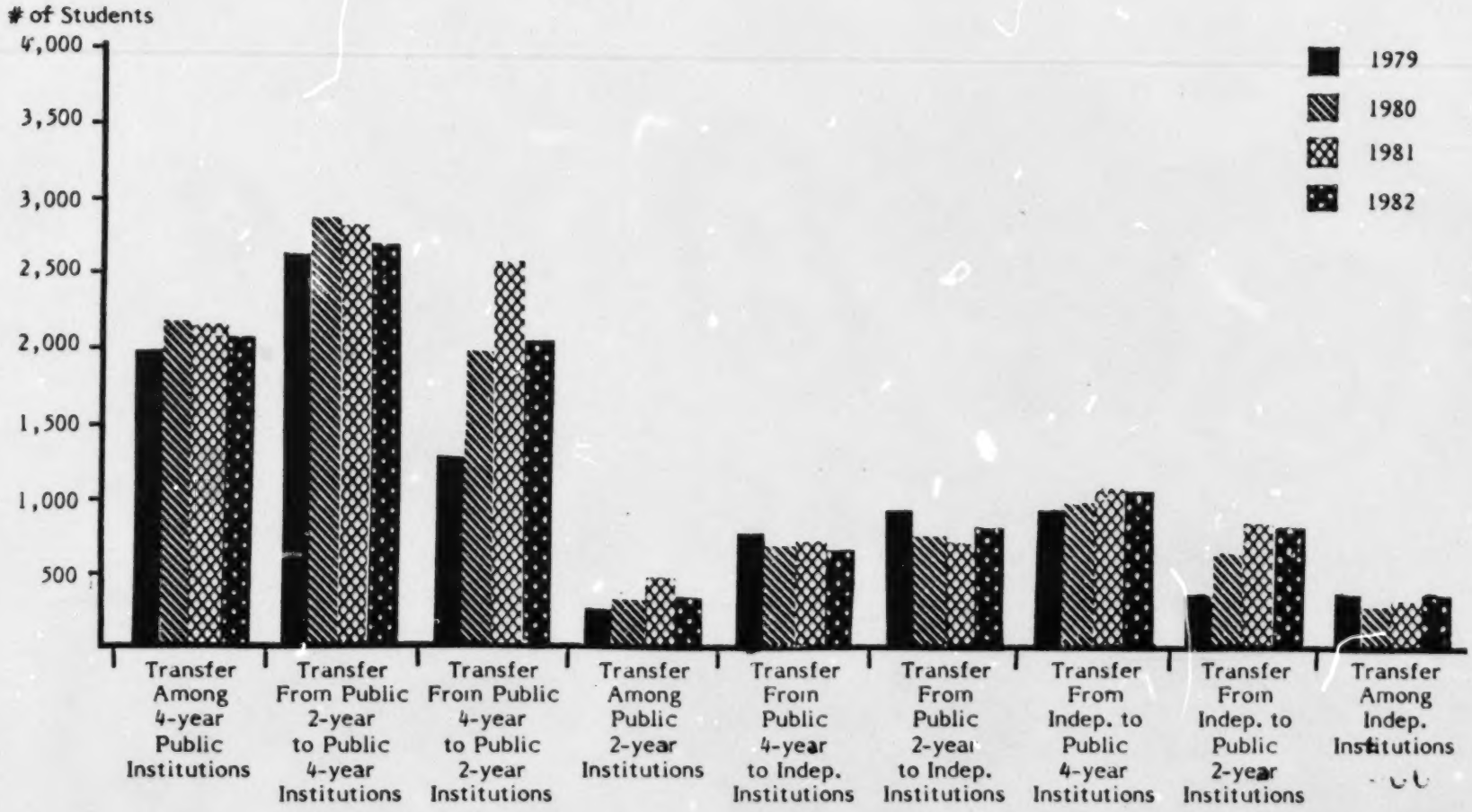
The majority of student transfers, more than 10,000 annually, involve Missouri residents attending public and independent colleges and universities. Of these transfers, approximately 70% occur among public sector institutions. Figure 1 illustrates the relative proportion of transfer activity among types of institutions for the four year period fall 1979-fall 1982. The graph illustrates the relative stability of the transfer relationships among sectors, as well as highlighting the consistency of the number of transfers within a sector and type of institution over a four year period. There are, however, two notable exceptions. The data from fall 1979 appears to indicate that a shift in the transfer pattern occurred between fall 1979 and fall 1980. There was a significant increase in transfers from public four-year institutions to public two-year institutions in fall 1980 and again in fall 1981. There was also a substantial increase in the number of transfers from independent to public two-year institutions between fall 1979 and fall 1980.

A comparison of transfer students with total undergraduate enrollment and first-time entering students is also an indicator of the relative importance of transfer students in the total enrollment picture. In total, transfer students from all sources account for 10% of undergraduate enrollment at public and independent institutions. However, transfer students account for about 40% of the first-time entering students. As the number of transfers have increased, these students have comprised a greater proportion of the first-time entering student population. At the University of Missouri, 2 of every 3 new students is a transfer student. At the other four-year public institutions, 1 of every 3 new students is a transfer student. The number of transfer students and enrollment reported in Tables 1-4 include Missouri residents, out-of-state and foreign students.

The greatest number of transfers occurs among public higher education institutions. The scope of transfer activity is presented graphically in Figures 2-5. Most of the students who leave the University of Missouri transfer to public community colleges. Figure 2 also illustrates that over 500 students annually transfer from one campus of the University of Missouri to another campus. The greatest percentage of students transferring from the state universities transfer to community colleges. A substantial number also transfer to the University of Missouri. The reverse of these patterns is also true. The greatest percentage, slightly less than 40%, of students transferring from community colleges attend the University of Missouri. Community college students also transfer to state universities in significant numbers. It is also interesting to note that relatively little transfer activity is evident at the state colleges. Most students who do transfer to a state college come from a community college.

This presentation has highlighted the transfer activity among Missouri's public higher education institutions because most transfers involve public institutions. Similar comparisons can be drawn for other groups of institutions and students from data presented in Tables 5-8.

FIGURE 1. TRANSFERS AMONG PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS, FALL 1979-1982



Note: Public four-year institutions include University of Missouri, state universities, and state colleges.

TABLE 1
RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER STUDENT ENROLLMENTS, STATE OF MISSOURI, FALL 1979

Institutions	Total Undergraduate Enrollment	Number of First-time Ent. Students	Number of Transfers	Transfers as a Percent of Enrollment	Transfers as Percent of First-time Ent. Students
University of Missouri	38,413	7,678	4,967	12.9%	64.7%
State Universities	40,362	10,766	3,302	8.2%	30.7%
State Colleges	8,634	1,908	706	8.2%	37.0%
Public Community Clgs.	47,783	16,786	2,512	5.3%	15.0%
Independent Universities and Colleges	35,596	7,512	3,923	11.0%	52.2%
Independent Junior Colleges (a)	1,172	365	91	7.8%	24.9%
TOTAL	171,960	45,015	15,501	9.0%	34.4%

(a) Figures are for 4 of the 5 regionally accredited institutions in the state.

TABLE 2

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER STUDENT ENROLLMENTS, STATE OF MISSOURI, FALL 1980

Institutions	Total Undergraduate Enrollment	Number of First-time Ent. Students	Number of Transfers	Transfers as a Percent of Enrollment	Transfers as Percent of First-time Ent. Students
University of Missouri	40,565	7,817	5,377	13.3%	68.8%
State Universities	42,646	10,657	3,550	8.3%	33.3%
State Colleges	9,234	2,340	986	10.7%	42.1%
Public Community Clgs.	52,413	15,390	4,508	8.6%	29.3%
Independent Universities and Colleges	37,206	8,331	3,303	8.9%	39.6%
Independent Junior Colleges (a)	1,212	422	74	6.1%	17.5%
TOTAL	183,276	44,957	17,798	9.7%	39.6%

(a) Figures are for 4 of the 5 regionally accredited institutions in the state.

TABLE 3
RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER STUDENT ENROLLMENTS, STATE OF MISSOURI, FALL 1981

Institutions	Total Undergraduate Enrollment	Number of First-time Ent. Students	Number of Transfers	Transfers as a Percent of Enrollment	Transfers as Percent of First-time Ent. Students
University of Missouri	42,937	7,978	5,643	13.1%	70.7%
State Universities	44,068	10,803	4,301	9.8%	39.8%
State Colleges	9,831	2,359	770	7.8%	32.6%
Public Community Clgs.	56,791	15,398	6,313	11.1%	41.0%
Independent Universities and Colleges (a)	29,423	5,820	3,218	10.9%	55.3%
Independent Junior Colleges (b)	1,134	451	95	8.4%	21.1%
TOTAL	184,184	42,809	20,340	11.0%	47.5%

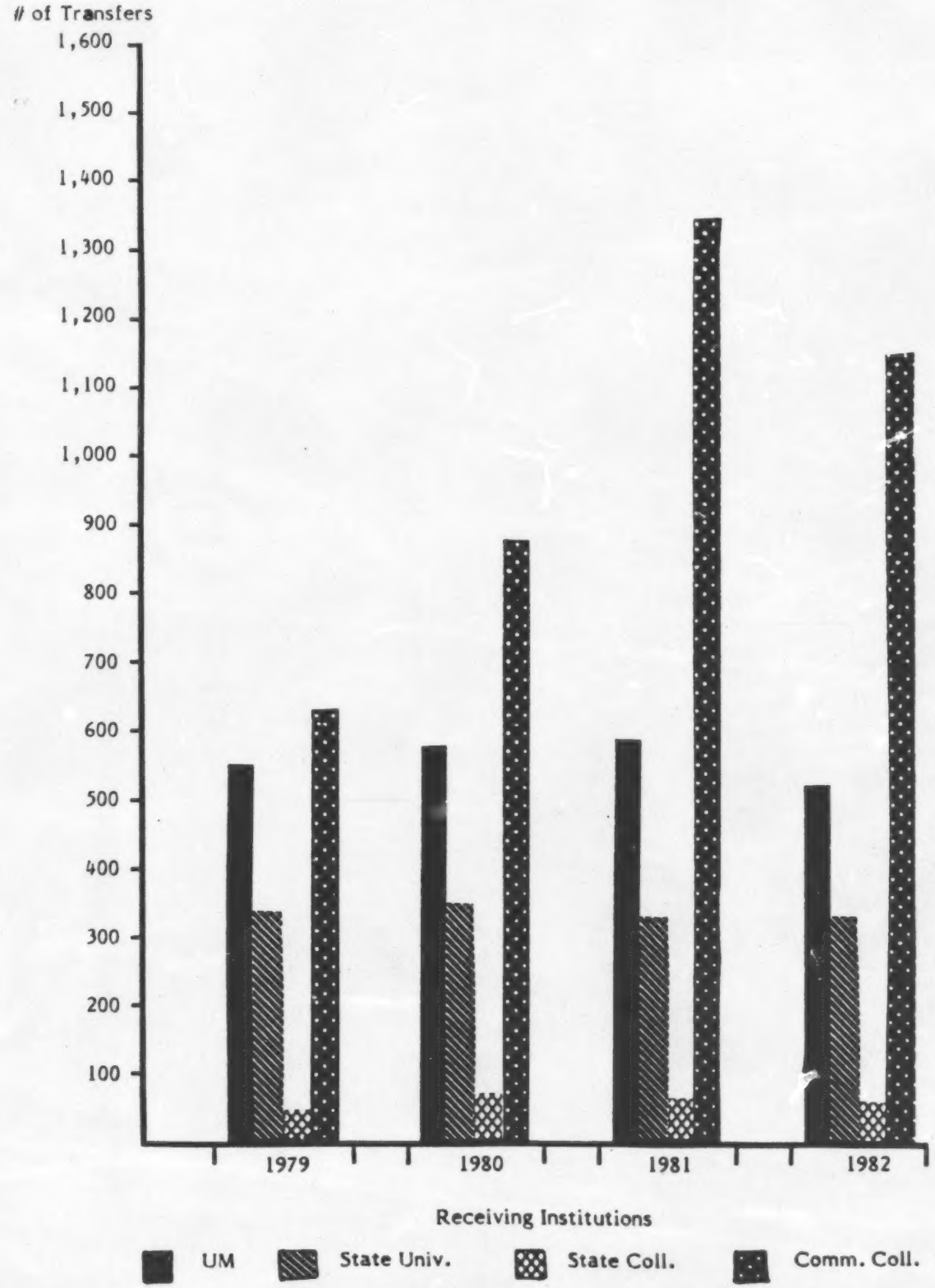
(a) Figures are for 20 of the 25 regionally accredited institutions in the state.
(b) Figures are for 4 of the 5 regionally accredited institutions in the state.

TABLE 4
RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER STUDENT ENROLLMENTS, STATE OF MISSOURI, FALL 1982

Institutions	Total Undergraduate Enrollment	Number of First-time Ent. Students	Number of Transfers	Transfers as a Percent of Enrollment	Transfers as Percent of First-time Ent. Students
University of Missouri	42,404	7,535	4,990	11.8%	66.2%
State Universities	43,782	10,515	3,676	8.4%	35.0%
State Colleges	9,640	2,420	658	6.8%	27.2%
Public Community Clgs.	58,991	12,566	5,113	8.7%	40.7%
Independent Universities and Colleges (a)	35,670	6,605	3,325	9.3%	50.3%
Independent Junior Colleges (b)	1,389	525	150	10.8%	28.6%
TOTAL	191,876	40,166	17,912	9.3%	44.6%

(a) Figures are for 24 of the 25 regionally accredited institutions in the state.
(b) Figures are for 4 of the 5 regionally accredited institutions in the state.

FIGURE 2. UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI AS A SOURCE OF TRANSFER STUDENTS TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, FALL 1979-1982



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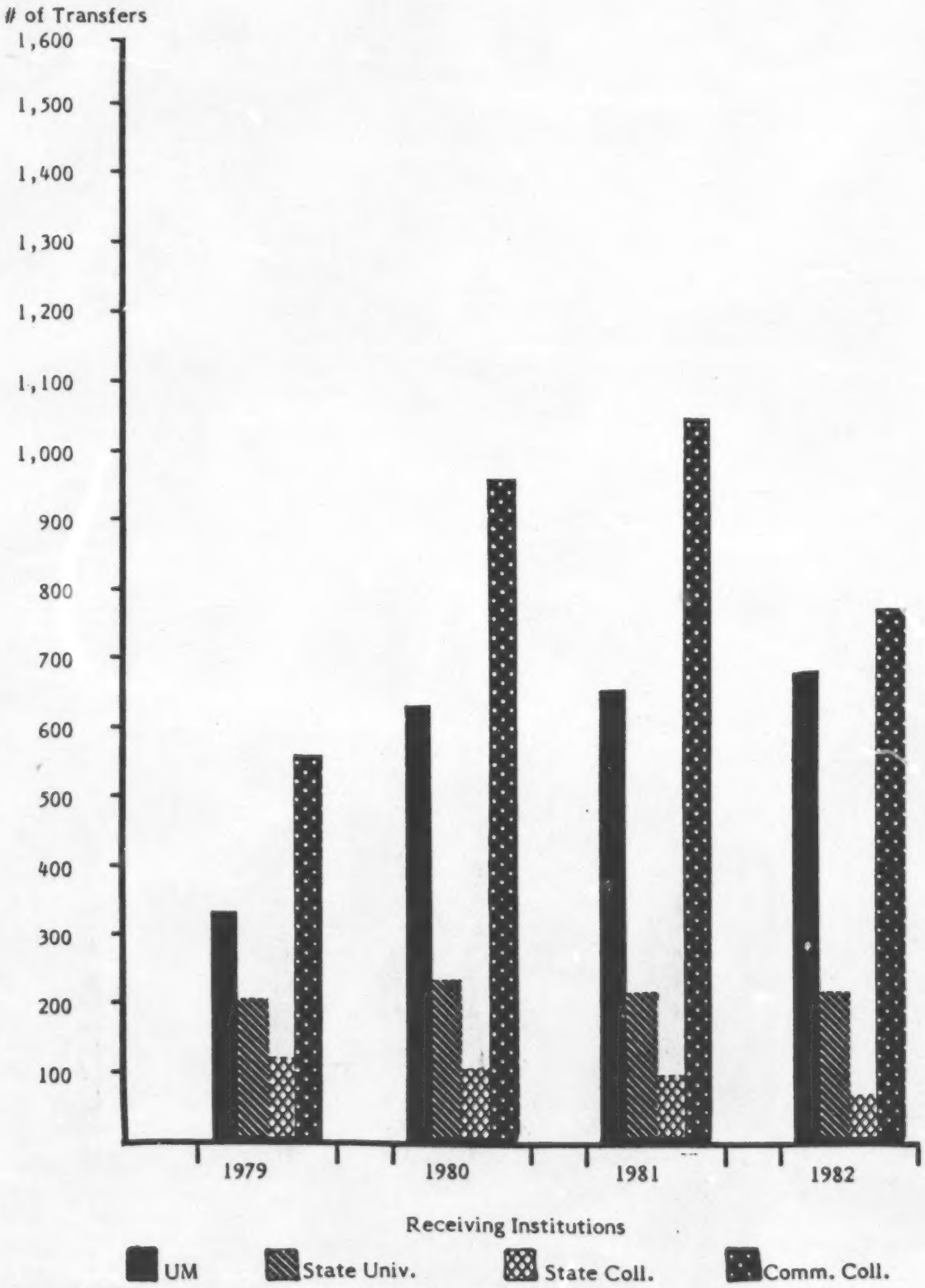

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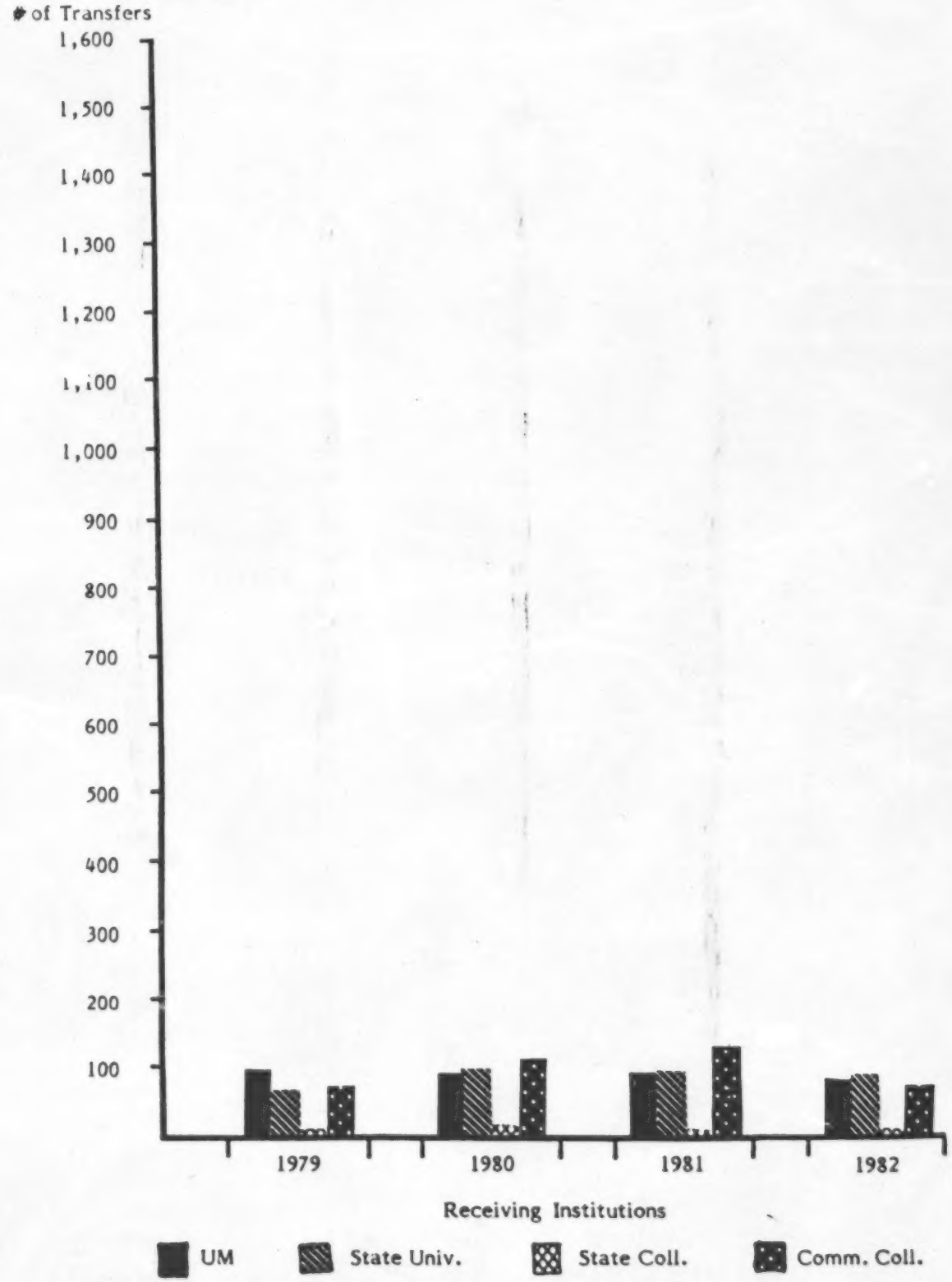

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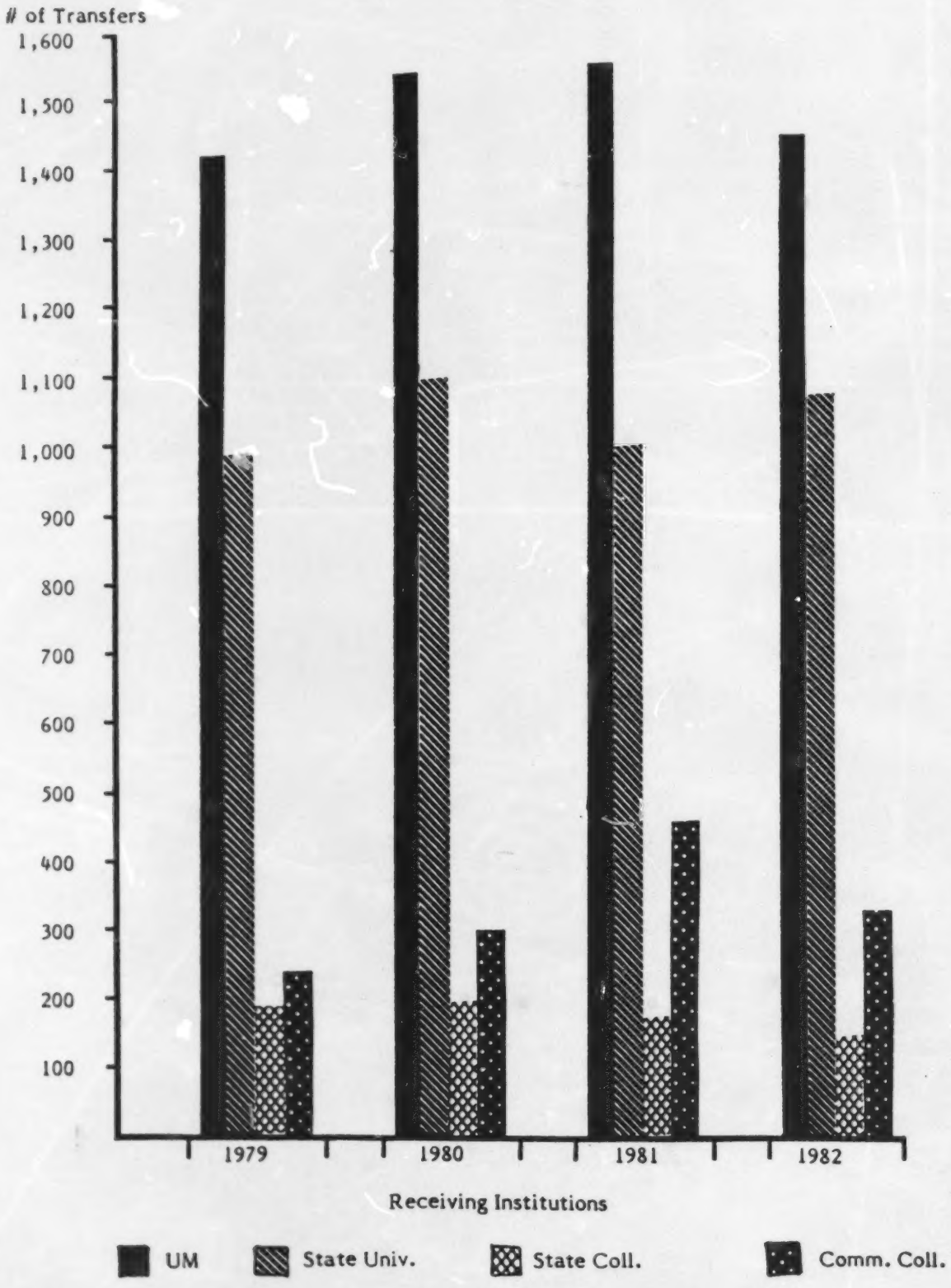

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DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT TRANSFERS, STATE OF MISSOURI, FALL 1979

Source / Rec. Institution	Univ. of Missouri	State Univ.	State Colleges	Pub. Comm. Colleges	Ind. Univ. & Clgs.	Ind. Jr. Colleges	Other Mo. Inst's	Out-of-State Students	Foreign Students	Unknown	Total Mo. Sources Only	GRAND TOTAL
University of Missouri	549	535	97	1,429	482	18	183	1,318	84	272	3,293	4,967
% of Total Across	11.1%	10.8%	2.0%	28.8%	9.7%	0.4%	3.7%	26.5%	1.7%	5.5%	66.3%	100.0%
% of Total Down	27.4%	31.2%	34.0%	37.9%	30.7%	20.0%	38.5%	28.8%	35.9%	34.8%	33.3%	32.0%
State Universities	344	208	64	990	330	26	44	1,046	25	225	2,006	3,302
% of Total Across	10.4%	6.3%	1.9%	30.0%	10.0%	0.8%	1.3%	31.7%	0.8%	6.8%	60.8%	100.0%
% of Total Down	17.2%	12.1%	22.5%	26.3%	21.0%	28.9%	9.3%	22.8%	10.7%	28.8%	20.3%	21.3%
State Colleges	46	121	5	194	44	8	20	265	3	0	438	706
% of Total Across	6.5%	17.1%	0.7%	27.5%	6.2%	1.1%	2.8%	37.5%	0.4%	0.0%	62.0%	100.0%
% of Total Down	2.3%	7.1%	1.8%	5.2%	2.8%	8.9%	4.2%	5.8%	1.3%	0.0%	4.4%	4.6%
Public Community Colleges	634	562	72	242	354	13	64	491	72	8	1,941	2,512
% of Total Across	25.2%	22.4%	2.9%	9.6%	14.1%	0.5%	2.5%	19.5%	2.9%	0.3%	77.3%	100.0%
% of Total Down	31.7%	32.8%	25.3%	6.4%	22.5%	14.4%	13.5%	10.7%	30.8%	1.0%	19.6%	16.2%
Independent Univ. & Clgs. (a)	421	277	45	886	348	25	162	1,437	48	274	2,164	3,923
% of Total Across	10.7%	7.1%	1.1%	22.6%	8.9%	0.6%	4.1%	36.6%	1.2%	7.0%	55.2%	100.0%
% of Total Down	21.0%	16.2%	15.8%	23.5%	22.2%	27.8%	34.1%	31.3%	20.5%	35.1%	21.9%	25.3%
Independent Junior Clgs. (b)	8	11	2	25	12	0	2	27	2	2	60	91
% of Total Across	8.8%	12.1%	2.2%	27.5%	13.2%	0.0%	2.2%	29.7%	2.2%	2.2%	65.9%	100.0%
% of Total Down	0.4%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.0%	0.4%	0.6%	0.9%	0.3%	0.6%	0.6%
TOTAL	2,002	1,714	285	3,766	1,570	90	475	4,584	234	781	9,902	15,501
% of Total Across	12.9%	11.1%	1.8%	24.3%	10.1%	0.6%	3.1%	29.6%	1.5%	5.0%	63.9%	100.0%
% of Total Down	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

(a) Figures are for 23 of the 25 regionally accredited institutions in the state.

(b) Figures are for 4 of the 5 regionally accredited institutions in the state.

TABLE 6
DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT TRANSFERS, STATE OF MISSOURI, FALL 1980

Rec. Institution \ Source	Univ. of Missouri	State Univ.	State Colleges	Pub. Comm. Colleges	Ind. Univ. & Clgs.	Ind. Jr. Colleges	Other Mo. Inst's	Out-of-State Students	Foreign Students	Unknown	Total Mo. Sources Only	GRAND TOTAL
University of Missouri	579	630	95	1,544	508	27	113	1,481	95	305	3,496	5,377
% of Total Across	10.8%	11.7%	1.8%	28.7%	9.4%	0.5%	2.1%	27.5%	1.8%	5.7%	65.0%	100.0%
% of Total Down	26.2%	28.1%	27.6%	39.6%	27.1%	32.9%	22.8%	26.1%	47.5%	39.4%	31.3%	30.2%
State Universities	346	229	98	1,103	372	19	52	1,122	39	170	2,219	3,350
% of Total Across	9.7%	6.5%	2.8%	31.1%	10.5%	0.5%	1.5%	31.6%	1.1%	4.8%	62.5%	100.0%
% of Total Down	15.7%	10.2%	28.5%	28.3%	19.9%	23.2%	10.5%	19.8%	19.5%	21.9%	19.9%	19.9%
State Colleges	68	102	8	205	66	7	32	448	1	49	488	986
% of Total Across	6.9%	10.3%	0.8%	20.8%	6.7%	0.7%	3.2%	45.4%	0.1%	5.0%	49.5%	100.0%
% of Total Down	3.1%	4.5%	2.3%	5.3%	3.5%	8.5%	6.5%	7.9%	0.5%	6.3%	4.4%	5.5%
Public Community Colleges	880	963	111	308	645	15	72	1,309	33	172	2,994	4,508
% of Total Across	19.5%	21.4%	2.5%	6.8%	14.3%	0.3%	1.6%	29.0%	0.7%	3.8%	66.4%	100.0%
% of Total Down	39.8%	42.9%	32.3%	7.9%	34.4%	18.3%	14.5%	23.1%	16.5%	22.2%	26.8%	25.3%
Independent Univ. & Clgs. (a)	325	312	32	726	267	14	223	1,[illegible]	32	79	1,899	3,303
% of Total Across	9.8%	9.4%	1.0%	22.0%	8.1%	0.4%	6.8%	39.1%	1.0%	2.4%	57.5%	100.0%
% of Total Down	14.7%	13.9%	9.3%	18.6%	14.2%	17.1%	45.1%	22.8%	16.0%	10.2%	17.0%	18.6%
Independent Junior Clgs. (b)	12	8	0	17	16	0	3	18	0	0	56	74
% of Total Across	16.2%	10.8%	0.0%	23.0%	21.6%	0.0%	4.1%	24.3%	0.0%	0.0%	75.7%	100.0%
% of Total Down	0.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.9%	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%
TOTAL	2,210	2,244	344	3,903	1,874	82	495	5,671	200	775	11,152	17,798
% of Total Across	12.4%	12.6%	1.9%	21.9%	10.5%	0.5%	2.8%	31.9%	1.1%	4.4%	62.7%	100.0%
% of Total Down	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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University of Missouri	584	656	85	1,562	647	28	157	1,560	85	279	3,719	5,643
% of Total Across	10.3%	11.6%	1.5%	27.7%	11.5%	0.5%	2.8%	27.6%	1.5%	4.9%	65.9%	100.0%
% of Total Down	21.6%	28.4%	25.2%	39.0%	29.6%	27.7%	24.9%	24.2%	43.6%	19.6%	30.3%	27.7%
State Universities	329	216	90	1,067	336	24	75	1,230	17	917	2,137	4,301
% of Total Across	7.6%	5.0%	2.1%	24.8%	7.8%	0.6%	1.7%	28.6%	0.4%	21.3%	49.7%	100.0%
% of Total Down	12.2%	9.3%	26.7%	26.7%	15.4%	23.8%	11.9%	19.1%	8.7%	64.6%	17.4%	21.1%
State Colleges	63	93	2	178	60	4	27	317	3	23	427	770
% of Total Across	8.2%	12.1%	0.3%	23.1%	7.8%	0.5%	3.5%	41.2%	0.4%	3.0%	55.5%	100.0%
% of Total Down	2.3%	4.0%	0.6%	4.4%	2.7%	4.0%	4.3%	4.9%	1.5%	1.6%	3.5%	3.8%
Public Community Colleges	1,354	1,046	125	457	832	30	154	2,084	44	187	3,998	6,313
% of Total Across	21.4%	16.6%	2.0%	7.2%	13.2%	0.5%	2.4%	33.0%	0.7%	3.0%	63.3%	100.0%
% of Total Down	50.2%	45.2%	37.1%	11.4%	38.0%	29.7%	24.4%	32.3%	22.6%	13.2%	32.6%	31.0%
Independent Univ. & Clgs. (a)	358	288	35	709	295	14	218	1,242	45	14	1,917	3,218
% of Total Across	11.1%	8.9%	1.1%	22.0%	9.2%	0.4%	6.8%	38.6%	1.4%	0.4%	59.6%	100.0%
% of Total Down	13.3%	12.5%	10.4%	17.7%	13.5%	13.9%	34.5%	19.2%	23.1%	1.0%	15.6%	15.8%
Independent Junior Clgs. (b)	11	13	0	30	17	1	0	22	1	0	72	95
% of Total Across	11.6%	13.7%	0.0%	31.6%	17.9%	1.1%	0.0%	23.2%	1.1%	0.0%	75.8%	100.0%
% of Total Down	0.4%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.8%	1.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.6%	0.5%
TOTAL	2,699	2,312	337	4,003	2,187	101	631	6,455	195	1,420	12,270	20,340
% of Total Across	13.3%	11.4%	1.7%	19.7%	10.8%	0.5%	3.1%	31.7%	1.0%	7.0%	60.3%	100.0%
% of Total Down	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Rec. Institution \ Source	Univ. of Missouri	State Univ.	State Colleges	Pub. Comm. Colleges	Ind. Univ. & Clgs.	Ind. Jr. Colleges	Other Mo. Inst's	Out-of-State Students	Foreign Students	Unknown	Total Mo. Sources Only	GRAND TOTAL
University of Missouri	524	680	82	1,463	536	33	119	1,305	72	176	3,437	4,990
% of Total Across	10.5%	13.6%	1.6%	29.3%	10.7%	0.7%	2.4%	26.2%	1.4%	3.5%	68.9%	100.0%
% of Total Down	21.3%	34.3%	28.6%	38.2%	24.5%	31.4%	17.4%	22.7%	39.8%	40.7%	29.8%	27.9%
State Universities	330	219	92	1,086	419	25	110	1,264	29	102	2,281	3,676
% of Total Across	9.0%	6.0%	2.5%	29.5%	11.4%	0.7%	3.0%	34.4%	0.8%	2.8%	62.1%	100.0%
% of Total Down	13.4%	11.0%	32.1%	28.3%	19.1%	23.8%	16.1%	21.9%	16.0%	23.6%	19.8%	20.5%
State Colleges	60	66	3	145	66	9	30	258	0	21	379	658
% of Total Across	9.1%	10.0%	0.5%	22.0%	10.0%	1.4%	4.6%	39.2%	0.0%	3.2%	57.6%	100.0%
% of Total Down	2.4%	3.3%	1.0%	3.8%	3.0%	8.6%	4.4%	4.5%	0.0%	4.9%	3.3%	3.7%
Public Community Colleges	1,152	771	77	337	828	25	253	1,549	39	82	3,443	5,113
% of Total Across	22.5%	15.1%	1.5%	6.6%	16.2%	0.5%	4.9%	30.3%	0.8%	1.6%	67.3%	100.0%
% of Total Down	46.8%	38.9%	26.8%	8.8%	37.8%	23.8%	37.1%	26.9%	21.5%	19.0%	29.8%	28.5%
Independent Univ. & Clgs. (a)	375	214	31	774	324	13	166	1,337	40	51	1,897	3,325
% of Total Across	11.3%	6.4%	0.9%	23.3%	9.7%	0.4%	5.0%	40.2%	1.2%	1.5%	57.1%	100.0%
% of Total Down	15.2%	10.8%	10.8%	20.2%	14.8%	12.4%	24.3%	23.2%	22.1%	11.8%	16.4%	18.6%
Independent Junior Clgs. (b)	19	32	2	28	18	0	4	46	1	0	103	150
% of Total Across	12.7%	21.3%	1.3%	18.7%	12.0%	0.0%	2.7%	30.7%	0.7%	0.0%	68.7%	100.0%
% of Total Down	0.8%	1.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.0%	0.6%	0.8%	0.6%	0.0%	0.9%	0.8%
TOTAL	2,460	1,982	287	3,833	2,191	105	682	5,759	181	432	11,540	17,912
% of Total Across	13.7%	11.1%	1.6%	21.4%	12.2%	0.6%	3.8%	32.2%	1.0%	2.4%	64.4%	100.0%
% of Total Down	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

a) Figures are for 23 of the 25 regionally accredited institutions in the state.
b) Figures are for 4 of the 5 regionally accredited institutions in the state.

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